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And you have made your own application and that you are resolved, like a Quaker of whom I read years ago, who, in substance, said, "I shall be along this path of life but, and so I must do all the kindness I can and all the good I can."

My hearers, the mistakes of youth can never be corrected. Time gone is gone forever. An opportunity passed the thousandth part of a second has by one leap reached the other side of a great eternity. In the autumn when the birds migrate you look up and see the sky black with wings and the flocks stretching out into many leagues of air, and so today I look up and see two large wings in full sweep. They are the wings of the flying year. That is followed by a flock of 365, and they are the flying days. Each of the flying days is followed by 24, and they are the flying hours, and each of these is followed by 60, and they are the flying minutes. Where did this great flock start from? Eternity past. Where are they bound? Eternity to come. You might as well be a gunning for the quails that whistled last year in the meadows or the robins that last year caroled in the sky as to try to fetch down and bag one of the past opportunities of your life. Do not say, "I will lounge now and make it up after ward." Young men and boys, you can't make it up. My observation is that those who in youth sowed wild oats to the end of their short life sowed wild oats and that those who sowed Genesee wheat always sow Genesee wheat.

**Happiness of Old Age.**  
And then the reaping of the harvest is so different. There is gratitude that those who in youth sowed wild oats to the end of their short life sowed wild oats and that those who sowed Genesee wheat always sow Genesee wheat.

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## BEDTIME AT THE ZOO.

Mamma Elephant's Way of Putting Her Baby to Sleep.

It was sunset time in summer, and the gentle animals of the zoo in one of the great cities of the world were in yards and folds outside the buildings. When I reached the inclosure belonging to mother elephant, there was a large number of men, women and children standing along the fence. They were very quiet, as if they were afraid of disturbing some one. As I stopped by the fence and looked in the yard a small girl touched my skirt, pursed up her mouth and giving me a solemn look of warning pointed to the elephants.

Mamma elephant had her trunk around her baby's neck and seemed to be whispering and encouraging him as he rubbed his head against her knee. He stood a moment, then raised his head, flapped his big little ears, gave a flirt of his little ear of a tail and trotted off by his mother's side to the center of the yard. There she left him and went to a pile of hay that stood in a corner. This she took up, much by her trunk, and her trunk, so nicely that she did not drop a wisp of it, and spread it around her child, who had not stirred from the spot where she left him.

When the hay had been all spread around the baby, the mother stopped down with her feet, the little one following her motions exactly till a perfectly even space had been trodden down. Then mamma elephant stopped, and turned to the farther side of the yard and flapped about the ground with her trunk. As she came back her baby flapped his small trunk and flapped his ears, making at the same time a soft grunting sound, as if he knew what was coming and liked it.

This time mamma stood outside the baby's nest and began to make the back of his ears feel a small cloud of dust and into the folds of skin behind them, then into those around his legs and under him till he was thoroughly powdered for the night. This done, she again put her trunk about his body; the little fellow dropped to his knees on his carefully trodden bed, and after a few soft pats and a few soft grunts from his mother he lay as a well trained child of the elephant family should.

The mother's work, however, was not yet done. She took up delicately the hay from the edge of the bed, and began tossing it lightly along his sides and up toward his back, till its ridges no longer showed.

When all was done, the small girl who had warned me not to disturb the proceedings heaved a great sigh, and turning to me said, "I would just like to know what they do it for!" So I told her, explaining the habit wild animals have of treading their beds, to make sure there are no snakes in the grass; the necessity of dust powdering the young, whose skin is tender in the folds, and who are troubled by insects; the pulling up of the dry grass around them, to conceal them from the possible hunter.

**Spanish Names on Pullman Cars.**  
"The public is dead sore on Spanish names," said a Pullman conductor as he turned away from looking over the register. "You may not believe it, but I have found a strong prejudice against the Spanish names on the Pullman cars, and the company is arranging to change many of them. The fire of patriotism is too hot just at present to put up with anything that even comes near it. The company may kick on it, but one of the superintendents told me recently that several of the cars had already been sent to the shops to have the names changed. Some of the most poetical names in use must go, because they suggest the young republic. Little Alfonso or some city in Spain. For example, such cars as the Cadiz, Blanco, Castilla, Sevilla, Mercedes, Moreno, Lusitania and Andalusia are being squarely boycotted. And this is no joke."

In Pittsburgh the other day a passenger took a day coach rather than pay for a seat in the car named Cadillac. Up on the Erie road the handsome car Blanco was pelted with stones and mud while it was standing outside one of the best stations on the system. The people simply won't have these Spanish names. I just heard how the Mercedes had been turned down on the Panhandle line a week ago, and how the porter had ridden 200 miles without a soul in his car. Of course he kicked. Who wouldn't? The porters are disconsolate, and say there is no use talking, the fine Spanish names won't go these days, and when a porter gets leary of his car you might as well take it off."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

**Naming Nassau Hall.**  
How many of the undergraduates and alumni of the College of New Jersey, asks Mr. Mellick in "The Story of an Old Farm," are aware that their being able to sing of the glories of "Old Nassau" on campus and at annual banquets is due to the humility of a colonial governor? He then tells the origin of the name Nassau hall.

In 1756, one year before the death of Governor Jonathan Belcher, that dignitary presented his library to Princeton college. In gratitude for the gift the trustees requested that they might be allowed to give his name to the new venerable building, then being erected, which for so many years has housed the faculty and students of this ancient seat of learning. His excellency declined the proffered distinction.

The governor requested that it should be named to "express the honor we retain," to quote his words, "in the remote part of the globe, to the immortal memory of the glorious King William III, who was a branch of the illustrious house of Nassau and who, under God, was the great deliverer of the British nation from those monstrous tyrannies, Popery and slavery."

And so it was that the trustees decided that the new collegiate building "in all time to come" should be called Nassau hall.

**The New York to Action.**  
The ship seemed to work and to fight by herself. You heard no human voice, only the groined tones of Lieutenant Mulligan rising from his smoke choked deck below, where he could not see to aim his 6 inch gun, and from where he begged Lieutenant Marble again and again to "Take your d—d smoke out of my way."

Lieutenant Marble was vaulting in and out of his forward turret like a squirrel in a cage. One instant you would see him far out on the deck, where shattered pieces of glass and woodwork eddied like leaves in a hurricane, and the next pushing the turret with his shoulder as though he meant to shove it overboard, and then he would wave his hand to his crew inside and there would be a racking roar, a parting of air and sea and sky, a flash of lightning black smoke, and he would be swallowed up in a like a wicked fairy in a pantomime.

And instantly from the depths below, like the voice of a lost soul, would rise the protesting shriek of Dick Mulligan asking frantically, "Oh, will you take your d—d smoke out of my way?"

"The First Bombardment," by Richard Harding Davis, in July Scribner's.

**Little Pimples Turn to Cancer.**

Cancer often results from an impurity in the blood, inherited from generations back. Few people are entirely free from some taint in the blood, and it is impossible to tell when it will break out in the form of dreaded Cancer. What has appeared to be a mere pimple or scratch has developed into the most malignant Cancer.

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		A. M. P. M.	A. M. P. M.
Lv. Harrisonburg	6:45	3:30	7:15
Lv. Linville	6:37	3:44	7:30
Lv. Martinsburg	6:30	3:53	7:55
Lv. Broadway	6:25	3:59	7:58
Lv. Timberville	7:13	4:05	8:06
Lv. New Market	7:20	4:14	8:20
Lv. Quicksburg	7:42	4:22	8:42
Lv. Mt. Jackson	7:42	4:32	8:58
Lv. Edinburg	7:46	4:40	9:27
Lv. Woodstock	7:50	4:48	9:45
Lv. Maurertown	8:07	5:12	10:05
Lv. Tom's Brook	8:07	5:18	10:13
Lv. Fishers Hill	8:22	5:30	10:55
Lv. Strasburg	8:42	5:40	11:03
Lv. Front Royal	8:52	5:58	11:18
Lv. Platts	9:58	7:30	
Lv. Manassas	10:50	8:15	
Lv. Washington	12:00	9:35	
Lv. Wash. P. R. R.			
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SOUTHWARD.		No. 13 No. 9 No. 71	No. 2
		A. M. P. M.	A. M. P. M.
Lv. N. Y. P. R. R.	10:10		
Lv. Philadelphia			
Lv. Washington	4:01	8:12	
Lv. Manassas	5:03	9:25	
Lv. Haymarket		9:59	
Lv. Rectortown		10:51	
Lv. Delaplane		10:00	
Lv. Platts	6:59	11:49	A. M.
Lv. Front Royal	7:11	11:58	P. M.
Lv. Riverton			
Lv. Strasburg	7:32	12:15	5:50
Lv. Fishers Hill	7:44		6:20
Lv. Tom's Brook	7:52	12:33	6:28
Lv. Woodstock	8:07	12:45	6:43
Lv. Edinburg	8:15	12:53	6:49
Lv. Mt. Jackson	8:34	1:09	6:13
Lv. Quicksburg	8:42		6:28
Lv. New Market	8:49	1:23	6:42
Lv. Timberville	8:57	1:30	6:50
Lv. Broadway	9:03		6:56
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